

Sacred Heart Celebrations June 2019

A group comprising the Lay Associates of the MSCs and a couple from the Liturgy Team put together a programme to celebrate the Sacred Heart during June – the month traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart.



The parish was led through a series of devotional, meditational and practical activities which seemed particularly poignant given the imminent departure of the MSCs.

- ♥ The Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on the 25th May was preceded by a Novena when the Memorare was said for 9 days prior to the celebration.
- ♥ Quotations on the importance of love were posted around the Church together with information about the MSCs.
- ♥ A series of different articles was published in the Bulletin on six successive weeks
- ♥ Invitations were issued to parishioners to write intentions on prayers hearts – around 200 were completed
- ♥ The Novena to the Sacred Heart was prayed for 9 days at each Mass starting on 20th June, many Novena prayer cards were taken home
- ♥ Displays in porch on the weekend of 29/30th June – many of which were taken home
 - Bookmarks featuring quotations on love – over 300 were taken
 - Prayer cards to the Sacred Heart, and to Our lady of the Sacred Heart
 - Flyer on the Feast of the Sacred Heart
 - Literature on the origins of the MSCs, Sacred Heart prayers, and the wider associated family and their legacy
 - Heart to Heart prayer books
- ♥ Intercessions for the Sunday Masses were based on the love of the Sacred Heart
- ♥ On the Feast Day on 28th June
 - Evening Eucharistic Adoration for an hour before Mass attracted around 30 people
 - Evening Mass – many more attended than usual
 - Social and refreshments were enjoyed by all in the coffee bar

Mindful that the MSCs are leaving the parish this year, many people expressed their hope that a similar celebration would be possible for June in the future.

